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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM RE FUTURE COOPERATION

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1. SUMMARY. PRELIMINARY CONTACT WITH KING AND MINISTER OF PLAN REASSURING RE GOM EXPECTATIONS OF US IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF PROPOSED LETTER TO FONMIN ON FUTURE COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING AUDIENCE WITH KING NOVEMBER 15 AND PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH MINISTER OF PLAN IMANI, I DREW ON REFTELS TO REASSURE KING AND IMANI RE CONTINUED US DESIRE COOPERATE WITH MOROCCO IN ECONOMIC AREAS. I STRESSED SUCH COOPERATION DEPENDENT ON AVAILABLE US RESOURCES AND ABILITY OF GOM TO IDENTIFY SOUND PRIORITIES. I ALSO INDICATED WE WOULD BE PREPARED ASSIST MOROCCO IN THIS IDENTIFICATION THROUGH EMBASSY AND AID MISSION. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH IMANI AND WITH KEY MINISTERS, I PLAN PURSUE SAME TACK. I WILL DEAL WITH MILITARY DIRECTLY WITH KING ON MONDAY. WHILE IT IS TOO SOON TO GAUGE EXTENT TO WHICH KING
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FOUND MY COMMENTS COMPLETELY REASSURING, I BELIEVE THIS VISIT HAS REENFORCED FAVORABLE IMPACT OF SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION WITH HIM DURING STOPOVER RABAT. FOR FIRST TIME IN MY EXPERIENCE, KING REFERRED TO GOM TEMPTATION

TO INDICATE NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN AMBITIOUS TERMS AND STATED THAT IT HAD RESISTED THIS TEMPTATION KNOWING RESTRAINTS IN WASHINGTON PICTURE. MY IMPRESSION IS THAT GOM MAY BE MORE WILLING NOW TO FORGO PRESSING US FOR SPECIFIC AID COMMITMENT OVER PRIOD OF TIME,BUT WE CANNOT ENTIRELY EXCLUDE POSSIBLITY THIS SUBJECT MAY SURFACE AGAIN, IF NOT NOW, PERHAPS DURING ANY VISIT BY KING TO US NEXT YEAR.

3. MOST IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS TO PROVIDE GOM WITH TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF ONGOING US INTEREST IN MOROCCO AS RESULT OF MY FOLLOW-UP TO SECRETARY'S VISIT HERE. I RECOMMEND WE DO SO IN FORM OF LETTER FROM ME TO FOREIGN MINISTER, WITH WHOM I EXPECT TO MEET ON NOVEMBER 19. LETTER WOULD BE DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING MY DEPARTURE NOVEMBER 20. SUGGESTED DRAFT TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE EXCELLENCY:

QTE ON THE EVE OF MY DEPARTURE FROM MOROCCO FOR THE UNITED STATES, I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO ME BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO DURING THIS VISIT. I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL WAYS IN WHICH THE HISTORIC COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP OF MOROCCO AND THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE STRENGTHENED. MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO THIS COOPERATION.

QTE ABOVE ALL, EXCELLENCY, I ASK THAT YOU CONVEY TO HIS MAJESTY MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR THE AUDIENCES HE ACCORDED TO ME. MY GOVERNMENT KNOWS THAT IN HIS MAJESTY THE UNITED STATES HAS A TRUE FRIEND, AND I WAS GREATLY HONORED THAT HE SHOULD RECEIVE ME.

QTE IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS MAJESTY, WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY,
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AND WITH OTHER MINISTERS, I FOUND A WIDE COMPREHENSION OF THE REALITIES ON WHICH FUTURE US-MOROCCAN COOPERATION MAY BE BASED AND A STRONG DESIRE TO ENLARGE THAT COOPERATION. WE SHARE THAT DESIRE.

QTE FOR MY PART, I BELIEVE THAT I AM NOW ABLE, AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD, TO PRESNT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THROUGH HIM TO THE PRESIDENT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING OUR COOPERATION IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MOROCCO'S NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DEFESNE PRIORITIES WHICH CAN BE THE BASIS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

QTE I WISH TO ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY THA THE UNITED STATES

REMAINS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE SOUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MOROCCO, AND IN THE PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE MOROCCAN PEOPLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF HIS MAJESTY; AND WE WISH TO BE AMONG THOSE ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO IN THE GREAT TASKS IT HAS SET FOR ITSELF IN THE FIVE YEAR PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECTS IN THE FIVE YEAR PLAN ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES. WE WOULD SEEK TO FIND WITHIN THE PLAN SECTORS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN MOROCCO AND THE UNITED STATES, SUCH AS PUBLIC HEALTH, NUTRITION AND FAMILY PLANNING. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO TO THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY, WE WOULD EXPECT TO FIND THE PRINCIPAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCH COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF A CAPITAL PROJECT WITHIN OUR CAPABILITIES. MY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO BEGIN PROMPTLY THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECTS FOR FINANCING IN FUTURE FISCAL YEARS AND TO SEND A SPECIAL GROUP FROM WASHINGTON TO COOPERATE WITH THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT FOR THAT PURPOSE. WE WOULD ALSO BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF PLAN IN WASHINGTON AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

QTE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS I DREW ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT COULD BE PLAYED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOROCCO BY PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTMENT CAPITAL WITH THE ASSISTANCE
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OF THE UNITED STATES EXPORT-IMPORT BANK. I AM AUTHORIZED TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE BANK IS PREPARED TOV PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN MOROCCO IN ORDER TO EXPAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE WISH PARTICULARLY TO HELP YOUR GOVERNMENT IN FACILITATING THE IDENTIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE PRIVATE INVESTORS AND OF EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS THAT CAN BE FINANCED BY THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK.

QTE FINALLY, I WISH TO ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL REMAIN MINDFUL OF MOROCCO'S DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST MOROCCO IN THAT AREA TO THE EXTENT THAT UNITED STATES ESOURCES PERMIT. I HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR NEUMANN TO CONTINUE THESE CONSULTATIONS WITH YOU AND WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT EFFECT IS GIVEN TO THE FOREGOING AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. YOU MAY ALSO ASSURE HIS MAJESTY THAT THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO CONTINUE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATION ON GLOBAL ISSUES AND IS DEEPLY GRATIFIED BY THE DESIRE OF THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH WE SHARE, TO WORK ACTIVELY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATION PEACE.

QTE WITH RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM,
I REMAIN, EXCELLENCY,

QTE VERY TRULY YOURS,

QTE DAVID D. NEWSOM UNQTE

REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IN FOREGOING TEXT AND ANY
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